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1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH NO WEEKEND SCHEDULE HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED,
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YUGOSLAV AND CHINESE LEADERS HELD AN OBVIOUSLY CAREFULLY PRE-
PLANNED INTENSIVE ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS AUGUST 26-27. THESE
INCLUDED CRUISE IN NORTHERN ADRIATIC AUGUST 26 AND THREE-HOUR
TALKS AUGUST 27 AT ISTRA HOTEL IN BRIONI, FOLLOWED BY AT
LEAST ANOTHER HOUR OF "INFORMAL" DISCUSSIONS AT TITO'S OWN
VILLA. LONG-TERM ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED AT
VICE-MINISTERIAL LEVEL. ON AUGUST 26 FOREIGN SECRETARIES HELD

PARALLEL TALKS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND GLOBAL SITUATION, AND PART OF CHINESE DELEGATION VISITED AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF VOJVODINA TO DISCUSS AGRO-INDUSTRY AND YUGOSLAV-CHINESE CO-OPERATION IN AGRICULTURE. IN POINTED REJOINDER TO TASS AND PRAVDA CRITICISM OF YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA FOR HOSTING HUA VISIT, TANJUG AND BORBA CHIDED TASS FOR "FOREGETTING" YUGOSLAVA'S FIRM REFUSAL TO LET DISPUTES BETWEEN OTHER COUNTRIES AFFECT ITS RELATIONS WITH THOSE COUNTRIES AND FOR "TENDENTIOUSLY" FINDING FAULT WITH YUGOSLAVIA ON BASIS OF WESTERN PRESS REPORTS RATHER THAN STATEMENTS OF YUGOSLAV LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

2. TITO AND HUA MEET FOR MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS. A SMILING HUA ARRIVED AFTERNOON AUGUST 25 ON BRIONI FOLLOWING ZAGREB PORTION OF HIS VISIT. TITO PERSONALLY WELCOMED HUA UPON HIS ARRIVAL BY BOAT FROM NEARBY PULA, WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY SEVERAL THOUSAND LOCAL RESIDENTS, FLAGS, DANCES, AND SONGS. SATURDAY MORNING (AUGUST 26) TOP CHINESE AND YUGOSLAV LEADERS SET OUT ON A FOUR AND A HALF HOUR CRUISE ON NAVAL TRAINING SHIP "GALEB" IN VICINITY OF ROVINJ AND POREC. INTENSIVE AND WIDE-RANGING TALKS (IN PLENUM) ON INTERNAL SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT IN PRC AND YUGOSLAVIA, COURSE OF PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, AND GLOBAL ISSUES WERE HELD; TITO HOSTED A LUNCH; AND BOTH LEADERS, "IN AN EXCEPTIONALLY WARM AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE," EXCHANGED BRIEF TOASTS EMPHASIZING THEIR SATISFACTION WITH COURSE OF TALKS, SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT, AND LONG-TERM CHARACTER OF YUGO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SLAV-CHINESE RELATIONS. ATTENDING ON YUGOSLAV SIDE WERE: FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MARKOVIC, PARTY AND STATE PRESIDENCY MEMBER ZARKOVIC, PARTY PRESIDENCY SECRETARY DOLANC, PRESIDENCY MEMBER OFR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINIC, FOREIGN SECRETARY VRHOVEC, NAVY COMMANDER MAMULA, AND OTHERS.

3. TITO AND HUA HELD THEIR THIRD ROUND OF TALKS IN PLENUM AUGUST 27. MEETING OF TWO DELEGATIONS LASTED OVER THREE HOURS; WEA REPORTEDLY CHARACTERIZED BY AN ATMOSPHERE OF "FRIENDSHIP, OPENNESS, CONFIDENCE, AND RECIPROCAL RESPECT"; AND FOCUSED AS HAD EARLIER MEETINGS ON SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA AND YUGOSLAVIA AND "CURRENT INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS." TITO, WHO SPOKE FOR NEARLY TWO AND A HALF HOURS, REVIEWED DEVELOPMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA FROM NATIONAL LIBERATION WAR ONWARD, DECENTRALIZATION PROCESS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-MANAGEMENT. TITO DREW SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NATIONAL QUESTIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA, SAID THIS WAS "FUNDAMENTALLY SOLVED" DURING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE AS A RESULT OF THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY'S CLEARLY DEFINED POLICY. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED YUGOSLAVIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND YUGOSLAVIA'S ALL-PEOPLES' DEFENSE SYSTEM. TITO, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, STRESSED THAT POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY IS "VERY GOOD" AND THAT

ECONOMIC SITUATION IS "FINE," DESPITE A NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES.
HE ALSO NOTED LCY'S GREAT INVOLVEMENT IN SETTling QUESTIONS OF
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL-POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

4. HUA REPORTEDLY ASSESSED "VERY HIGHLY" YUGOSLAV SUCCESS
AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN BUILDING A SELF-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, UNDER-
LINED SIMILARITIES OF YUGOSLAV AND CHINESE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE,
AND NOTED THESE SIMILARITIES WOULD FACILITATE MUTUAL UNDER-
STANDING.

5. IN SECOND PORTION OF AUGUST 27 TALKS DEALING WITH GLOBAL
TRENDS AND PROBLEMS, "SPECIAL ATTENTION" WAS REPORTEDLY GIVEN
TO CRISES IN AFRICA, NEAR EAST, ARMAMENT RACE, AND DISARMAMENT.
TITO REPORTEDLY UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF NAM MINISTERIAL IN
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BELGRADE, THE TASKS FACING THE NAM "AS AN EQUAL FACTOR IN THE
SOLUTION OF ALL ACUTE WORLD PROBLEMS," AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE CONFERENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S
SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN HAVANA. IN THIS REGARD, TITO EMPHASIZED
NEED FOR MAXIMUM CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION AMONG NAM MEMBERS.
TITO ALSO MENTIONED PROBLEMS OF DETENTE; POINTED TO INTER-
NATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM IN THE HORN; AND NOTED NEED FOR
COUNTRIES OF THIS REGION TO SOLVE PROBLEM WITH THEIR OWN EFFORTS
AND ON BASIS OF RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND UN, OAU,
AND NAM PRINCIPLES. TITO ALSO SPOKE ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA'S RELA-
TIONS AND COOPERATION WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF EUROPE, ASIA,
AND AMERICA AND REPEATED YUGOSLAVIA'S READINESS FOR SUCH
COOPERATION.

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6. HUA, IN TURN, REPORTEDLY STATED HIS HIGH ESTEEM FOR THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF NAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY STRESSING TITO'S CONTRIBUTION AND ROLE. HUA ALSO BRIEFED TITO ON PRC POLICIES, ITS "ASPIRATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES." AND ITS VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED MUTUAL INTEREST IN DEVELOPING COMPREHENSIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND PRC
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AND MAINTAINED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RELATIONS IS IN INTEREST OF PEACE AND BROADER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

7. DUEI IN THE VOJVODINA. WHILE HUA WAS OFF CRUISING WITH TITO, OTHER MEMBERS OF CHINESE DELEGATION, LEAD BY CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBURO AND STATE COUNCIL VICE PREMIER CHI TENG-KUEI, TRAVELLED AUGUST 26 TO YUGOSLAV AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF VOJVODINA WHERE THEY REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED WITH PROVINCIAL PREMIER DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL FARMING, FOOD PRODUCTION, AND IRRIGATION AND NAVIGATION SYSTEM IN VOJVODINA. PARTY ALSO VISITED FARMING AND MARKET GARDENING INSTITUTE WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED IN DETAIL ON YUGOSLAV HIGH YIELD WHEAT, MAIZE, SUGAR BEET AND SUNFLOWER. YUGOSLAV EXPERTS, ACCORDING TO PRESS, EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO HELP, WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CHINESE-YUGOSLAV SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, SUPPLY CHINA WITH SEED AND TECHNOLOGY, TRAIN CHINESE AGRICULTURE EXPERTS, AND IMPORT SOYA BEAN SEED FROM CHINA.

8. FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET SEPARATELY. ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 27), FOREIGN SECRETARY VRHOVEC AND PRC MINISTER HUANG HUA HELD

SEPARATE TALKS AT BRIONI REGARDING YUGOSLAV-CHINESE RELATIONS AND CURRENT INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. TALKS, ACCORDING TO PRESS, WERE HELD IN "WORKING AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE" AND BOTH MINISTERS NOTED "POSITIVE TRENDS IN ALL AREAS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION." THE TWO MINISTERS FOCUSED ON WORLD TROUBLE SPORTS, IMPORTANCE OF UN AND NEED TO STRENGTHEN UN ROLE IN RESOLVING CURRENT WORLD PROBLEMS, AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING UNGA SESSION, DISARMAMENT, AND EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. VRHOVEC NOTED IMPORTANCE OF RECENT NAM MINISTERIAL IN BELGRADE, STRESSING THAT RELATIONS OF NON-ALIGNED YUGOSLAVIA WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES WERE BASED ON INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM, MUTUAL COOPERATION, NON-INTERFERENCE, AND MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

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9. YUGOSLAV PRESS HITS ABACK AT "TENDENTIOUS" SOVIET COMMENTARY. PRESS IS GIVING MASSIVE COVERAGE TO THE VISIT AS WELL AS TO FOREIGN PRESS COVERAGE. OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG HAS FULLY REPORTED RECENT HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE MOSCOW CRITICISM OF THE YUGOSLAV PRESS (AND YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT BY IMPLICATION) FOR ITS COVERAGE OF THE HUA VISIT AND SOVIET CLAIMS THAT HUA IS USING "EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE VIOLENT ANTI-SOVIET ATTACKS." IN RESPONSE, TANJUG AUGUST 26 CHIDED TASS THAT IT IS "BEING FORGETFUL OF YUGOSLAVIA'S FIRM REFUSAL IN THE PAST, AS IN THE FUTURE, TO ALLOW DISPUTES BETWEEN OTHER COUNTRIES TO EFFECT ITS RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES. SOVIET NEWS AGENCY ALSO FORGETS THE BASIS OF YUGOSLAVIA'S RELATIONS AND FRIENDLY COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES MADE UP OF THE UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS, MUTUAL RESPECT AND BENEFIT, AND CARE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH RELATIONS AND COOPERATION NOT BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THIRD COUNTRIES." TANJUG FURTHER FOUND IT "NOTABLY SURPRISING" THAT TASS SHOULD USE ARTICLES IN FOREIGN AND PARTICULARLY WESTERN PRESS TO FIND FAULT WITH YUGOSLAVIA INSTEAD OF RESPECTING STATEMENTS OF YUGOSLAVIA'S TOP LEADERS ON YUGOSLAV POLICY. BORBA'S OVERALL CHARACTERIZATION OF MOSCOW COMMENTARY: "TENDENTIOUS."

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